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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
***District of Rhode Island***

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**NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE BAR**

**ELECTRONIC CASE FILING**

The United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island has developed a plan and procedures for the implementation of the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) component of CM/ECF (Case Management/Electronic Case Files). When ECF is implemented, the filing and service of documents and notices will be handled electronically (with some limited exceptions), and the Court will join most of the other federal district and bankruptcy courts nationwide which have already implemented ECF. However, because ECF represents a significant change in the practice of law before the Court, the Judges would like to provide members of the bar and their staff with an opportunity to provide input on ECF implementation.

You and your staff are invited to a presentation on ECF implementation to be conducted at the Courthouse in the **Jury Assembly Room on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at 4:00 p.m.** We will provide you with a demonstration of how ECF will operate in Rhode Island as well as information on the ECF implementation plan, procedures, training and support. An opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to the Judges and Court staff will follow the presentation.

You and your staff are encouraged to attend, particularly if you are currently appearing or will soon be appearing in a case before the Court, as your participation and comments will help us to craft a successful implementation strategy for this new program.

Seating may be limited. If you plan to attend, please contact Jennifer Dias at (401) 752-7223 by Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, and provide her with the name of your firm and the number of individuals attending.

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